

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 15-30 are pending in this application. Claims 15, 16, 19, 20, 23, 24, 27, and 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. patent application publication 2002/0032907 to Daniels. Claims 17, 18, 21, 22, 25, 26, 29, and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Daniels in view of the vCalendar Specification, v0.4 (herein “the vCalendar Specification”).

Addressing the above-noted rejections, those rejections are traversed by the present response as discussed next.

Each of the independent claims is amended by the present response to clarify features recited therein. Specifically, independent claim 15 now recites the server configured to store a program table “simultaneously displaying a plurality of programs with respective selection buttons, such that each displayed program has a corresponding selection button”. The other independent claims are similarly amended. That subject matter is believed to be clear for example from Figure 16 in the present specification.

As shown for example in Figure 16 in the present specification data (Electronic Program Guide (EPG)) to display a screen such as shown for example in Figure 16 is sent by an external apparatus (a server). Such a display is a program table simultaneously displaying programs each with a respective selection button 251. That is, a different selection button 251 is provided for each respective individual programs to allow selecting of the individual programs. A user can review that program table and select programs on the program table by selecting one of the respective selection buttons 251 on the program table corresponding to a respective program. The server can then transmit record reservation data to a remote device based on the user selection of the buttons on the program table. That is, the data (the EPG Program) sends a signal that requests the scheduling data of one program according to a

respective pressed button to the external apparatus (server). Thereby, the record reservation can be downloaded to a user.

With such a structure the volume of the EPG data received at one time can be decreased as only the data is provided corresponding to one selected program based on one selected button. Thereby, scheduling of a television program can be realized even with a communication line with a slow transmission rate.

Applicants respectfully submit the above-noted features clarified in the claims distinguish over the applied art.

Applicants respectfully submit Daniels does not disclose or suggest the feature clarified in the claims to the display directed to the stored program table. Specifically, applicants submit Daniels does not disclose or suggest storing a program table:

...simultaneously displaying a plurality of programs with respective selection buttons, such that each displayed program has a corresponding selection button[.]

With respect to the feature of the stored program table the outstanding Office Action states:

Daniels further discloses a navigable Web page displaying program information (p. 14, paragraphs 144, 145). When a user selects the program, for example, "Guligan's Island," a column pops up with a Record option (p. 14, paragraph 146; & p. 15, paragraphs 150, 151). This meets the limitation of "displaying programs with respective selection buttons," as currently claimed.¹

In reply to that basis for the rejection applicants submit the noted disclosure in Daniels is not at all directed to the claimed features.

Daniels discloses being able to navigate through multiple columns on a web page and allowing a final column to include a record operation that can be selected, see Figure 23 in Daniels.

¹ Office Action of March 26, 2007, the sentences bridging pages 2 and 3.

However, Daniels clearly differs from the claims in that Daniels does not disclose or suggest simultaneously displaying a plurality of programs with respective selection buttons, such that each displayed program has a corresponding selection button. As noted above Daniels merely discloses a single selection button such as in column G in Figure 23, which will only appear after the other different columns are navigated.

In contrast to such a feature in Daniels, in the claimed invention, and with reference to Figure 16 in the present specification as a non-limiting example, a plurality of programs are simultaneously displayed each with its own selection button. Daniels does not disclose any similar program table.

In such ways the claims as written are believed to clearly distinguish over Daniels.

Moreover, no teachings in the vCalendar Specification are believed to cure the deficiencies of Daniels.

In view of the present response applicants respectfully submit the claims as written distinguish over the applied art.

As no other issues are pending in this application, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and it is hereby respectfully requested that this case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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